Tenor Volume 4

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A collection of songs from the musical stage, categorized by voice type. The selections are presented in their authentic settings, excerpted from the original vocal scores.

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### Foreword

When I conceived and compiled the first volumes of *The Singer's Musical Theatre Anthology*, released in 1987, I couldn't have possibly imagined the day when I would be writing the foreword for Volume 4. Such a venture is made possible only by the lively and sustained interest of singing actors of all descriptions, be they students or professionals. As a researcher I can only present you with practical choices from existing theatre literature. Without the dedicated pursuit of that music by people such as you, dear reader, these collections would remain on a shelf, unopened

Volume 4 allows inclusion of songs from shows opened since Volume 3 (released in 2000), as well as a continuing, deeper look into both classic and contemporary musical theatre repertory. As has been the case with each of the solo voice volumes in this series, songs are chosen with many types of talent in mind. All songs do not suit all singers. It is good and natural for any performer to stretch as far as possible, attempting diverse material. But it is also very important ultimately to know what you do well. That is an individual answer, based on your voice, your temperament and your look. This collection has enough variety of songs that any interested performer should be able to find several viable choices.

You will come up with a more individual interpretation, conjured from the ground up in the manner that all the best actors work, if you learn a song on your own, building it into your unique singing voice, without imitating a recorded performance Particularly try to avoid copying especially famous renditions of a song, because you can probably only suffer in the comparison. Would you learn a role from Shakespeare, Shaw or Edward Albee solely by mimicking a recording, film or video/DVD of it? Your answer had better be of course not! The same needs to be true of theatre music. After you know the notes and lyrics very well, study the character's stated and unstated motivations and thoughts to come up with your own performance. Explore your own ideas about musical and vocal phrasing to express the character's emotions. In other words, make a song your own, and no one can take it away from you. It's yours for life

Original keys are used exclusively in this edition. Sometimes these reflect the composer's musical/vocal concept, and sometimes they are merely the keys best suited to the original performers. Still, they give a singer a very good idea of the desired vocal timbre for a song as presented in its authentic theatre context. There are general vocal guidelines for voice types in theatre music, but these are not in stone. A soprano with a good belt will be able to sing songs from the soprano volumes as well as the mezzo-soprano/belter volumes. Belters may decide to work on their "head voice" in soprano songs. Men who have voices that lie between tenor and baritone, commonly called "baritenors" (a common range in contemporary musical theatre), may find songs in both the tenor and baritone/bass volumes.

In my foreword for Volume 3 of *The Singer's Musical Theatre Anthology*, written in 2000, I stated that the movie musical was dead. What a difference five years makes! The genre appears to be gaining a little steam at this writing, evidence of the continued relevance of musical theatre to a wider audience.

The books comprising Volume 4 of this series would not have been possible without the enthusiastic help of Brian Dean as assistant editor, and I thank him heartily.

All the selections from all volumes of this series, including duets, total nearly 700 songs. A marathon performance of all the songs in all volumes of *The Singer's Musical Theatre Anthology* would take more than 40 hours. What fun that would be!

Richard Walters, December, 2005

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#### AIDA

MUSIC: Elton John LYRICS: Tim Rice

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BOOK: Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls and David Henry Hwang

**DIRECTOR:** Robert Falls

CHOREOGRAPHER: Wayne Cilento

OPENED: 3/23/00, New York; a run of 1,852 performances

Aida is based on the story of the 1871 opera by Giuseppe Verdi (libretto by Antonio Ghislanzoni) about an Ethiopian princess (Aida) who is captured during wartime by the enemy Egyptians. Radames, an Egyptian general, returns with the spoils of war, noting "Fortune Favors the Brave" He and Aida fall in love Aida is scorned by the daughter of the Egyptian King, Amneris. who is also in love with Radames. Radames knows that his romance with Aida may be doomed from the outset, but they decide that circumstances can no longer keep them apart. Much later, Radames plans to call off his wedding to Amneris to be with Aida, but Aida convinces him to keep up appearances that so she can flee from captivity with her father. The story ends tragically with the death of the two lovers

#### ASPECTS OF LOVE

MUSIC: Andrew Lloyd Webber LYRICS: Don Black and Charles Hart BOOK: Andrew Lloyd Webber DIRECTOR: Trevor Nunn

CHOREOGRAPHER: Gillian Lynne

OPENED: 4/8/90, New York; a run of 377 performances

Aspects of Love is based on an autobiographical novel by David Garnett, a nephew of Virginia Woolf The show had an intimate production style, with orchestrations that threw out the brass in favor of a chamber music sound. It follows a group of characters over nearly two decades of interweaving relationships. The story begins with a 17-year-old boy. Alex, who is infatuated with an actress, Rose, in her mid-20s. The actress eventually has a love affair with Alex's uncle, and they marry. Along the way almost everyone winds up in love with, or broken-hearted by, all the others. The plot is emotionally complex, as are the characters and their relationships. An anthem of love's force in our world, "Love Changes Everything" is sung by Alex to open and close the first act, as well as to end the show

#### AVENUE Q

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx

BOOK: Jeff Whitty DIRECTOR: Jason Moore

CHOREOGRAPHER: Ken Roberson

OPENED: 7/31/03. New York; still running as of December 2005

Avenue Q is an ironic homage to Sesame Street, though the puppet characters are much more adult, dealing with topics such as loud lovemaking, closeted homosexuality, and internet porn addiction. The puppeteers are onstage, acting and singing for their characters, but there are also humans in the production. The story deals with a young college graduate, Princeton, who learns how to live life and find love in New York. Along the way we meet the many tenants in his in his apartment building on Avenue Q. Rod and Nicky are Bert and Ernie spoofs. Nicky tells the closeted Rod, "If You Were Gay," that would be OK. Rod, for the time being, insists that he is not

#### A CHORUS LINE

MUSIC: Marvin Hamlisch LYRICS: Edward Kleban

BOOK: James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Bennett

CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Bennett and Bob Avian OPENED: 7/25/75, New York; a run of 6,137 performances

Until overtaken by Cats, this musical stood for years as the longest-running show in Broadway history. It also won numerous Tony Awards, including Best Musical, plus the Pulitzer Prize for drama. The story is simple: seventeen dancers reveal their life stories as they audition and compete for eight chorus parts in an unnamed Broadway musical. The show concentrates on the joys and troubles of their childhood and teen years. Fleet-flooted Mike steps forward for the first audition. His love of dance was influenced by watching his older sister in her dance class ("I Can Do That")

#### A CLASS ACT

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Edward Kleban BOOK: Linda Kline and Lonny Price

**DIRECTOR:** Lonny Price

**CHOREOGRAPHER:** Marquerite Derricks

OPENED: 3/11/01, New York; a run of 105 performances

Edward Kleban died of throat cancer at the age of 48 in 1987. A prolific songwriter. Kleban almost turned down the offer to be just the lyricist for A Chorus Line, his crowning achievement, because he fancied himself a composer above all Many of his musical theatre songs were written for unproduced shows. Linda Kline and Lonny Price, admirers of Kleban's music, cobbled together the biographical A Class Act from Kleban's trunk songs and show scores. Their love for Kleban comes through in this earnest musical about a man whose whole life centered around music. "One More Beautiful Song" was originally written for a musical about the BMI Musical Theatre Workshop

#### DO I HEAR A WALTZ?

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim BOOK: Arthur Laurents DIRECTOR: John Dexter

CHOREOGRAPHER: Herbert Ross

OPENED: 3/18/65. New York; a run of 220 performances

After Oscar Hammerstein's death in 1960, Richard Rodgers made his only attempt at writing both music and lyrics for No Strings in 1962. For his next musical, Rodgers turned to a logical choice for lyrics, Stephen Sondheim, who was a close friend and protégé of Hammerstein. Do I Hear a Waltz? chronicles an extended vacation of a spinster American woman, Leona Samish. in Venice, who unexpectedly falls in love with a married man. The musical is based on Arthur Laurent's play The Time of the Cuckoo, which was also adapted for the David Lean film Summertime, starring Katherine Hepburn. Pursued by shopkeeper Renato Di Rossi, Leona at first demures, then accepts his offers. She breaks off when she hears of his marriage, but returns to him as she begins to feel love for the first time. Leona will leave Venice eventually, but is persuaded, for the moment, by the seductive Di Rossi to "Stay".

#### FLOYD COLLINS

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Adam Guettel BOOK AND DIRECTION: Tina Landau

OPENED: 2/9/96, New York; a run of 25 performances

Adam Guettel, grandson of Richard Rodgers, chose for his first musical the true story of Floyd Collins, a farmer who was trapped in Sand Cave in Kentucky, and the firestorm of news coverage that surrounded his rescue attempt. Due in part to a series of interviews by an intrepid, slim reporter who crawled down to talk to the trapped Collins, the rescue effort went from a local story to a national affair. The focus shifted from Collins' plight to the momentum of media frenzy. After seventeen days, the rescue finally reached Collins, but he had died three days before, wondering about the afterlife in "How Glory Goes."

#### THE FULL MONTY

MUSIC AND LYRICS: David Yazbek

BOOK: Terrence McNally DIRECTOR: Jack O'Brien

CHOREOGRAPHER: Jerry Mitchell

OPENED: 10/26/00, New York; a run of 770 performances

Based on the successful British movie of the same name, *The Full Monty* was David Yazbek's first foray into Broadway. The scene for the stage musical is changed to Buffalo, New York. The men in the story are unemployed factory workers Determined to support themselves and their families, the decidedly average group form a Chippendale's type strip act, baring everything (as the British phrase "the full monty" implies) for entertainment and cash. Each of the guys has a personal obstacle to overcome, and the act of stripping publicly becomes a symbol of freedom and pride, rather than the embarrassment it once seemed. Early in the show Jerry sings "Man" to his buddy Dave in response to his emasculated feelings, seeing the relative power and success of his ex-wife and other wives of unemployed men. If Jerry doesn't come up with child support payment he will be denied access to his son. Once Jerry's idea for the strip act gets going, he needs financing to get into the club. His ex-wife will not help him, but his young son fronts him the money from his college savings account. He lovingly gazes at the sleeping boy in "Breeze off the River". Out of work and depressed, Malcolm was stopped from a suicide attempt by Jerry and Dave. He then joins the amateur strippers. Malcolm's mother dies, and he sings "You Walk with Me" at a memorial service at her graveside. He is overcome with emotion halfway through the song Ethan, one of the guys in the act, offers him a loving hand to finish the song. (Malcolm and Ethan unexpectedly begin a romantic relationship.)

#### A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim BOOK: Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart

DIRECTOR: George Abbott CHOREOGRPAHER: Jack Cole

OPENED: 5/8/62, New York; a run of 964 performances

Full of sight gags. pratfalls, mistaken identity, leggy girls, and other familiar vaudeville ingredients. Forum is a bawdy, farcical. pell-mell musical whose likes have seldom been seen on Broadway. Originally intended as a vehicle first for Phil Silvers and then for Milton Berle, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum opened on Broadway with Zero Mostel as Pseudolus the slave, who is forced to go through a series of mad-cap adventures before being allowed his freedom. Though the show was a hit, things had not looked very promising during the pre-Broadway tryout, and director Jerome Robbins was called in The most important change: beginning the musical with the song "Comedy Tonight." which set the right mood for the wacky doings that followed. To come up with a script, the librettists researched all twenty-one surviving coinedies by the Roman playwright Plautus (254-184 BC), then wrote an original book incorporating such typical characters as the conniving servants, the lascivious master, the domineering mistress, the officious warrior, the simple-minded hero (called Hero), and the senile old man. Both Mostel (as Pseudolus) and Silvers (as Marcus Lycus) were in the 1966 United Artists screen version, along with Jack Gilford and Buster Keaton. The 1997 Broadway revival starred Nathan Lane as Pseudolus; the role was later played by Whoopi Goldberg. Early in the show, slave Pseudolus muses to his master. Hero on everything, good and bad, that comes with the promise of becoming "Free."

#### GREASE

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

**DIRECTOR:** Tom Moore

CHOREOGRAPHER: Patricia Birch

OPENED: 2/14/72, New York; a run of 3.388 performances

A surprise runaway hit reflecting the nostalgia fashion of the 1970s, *Grease* is the story of hip greaser Danny Zuko and his wholesome girl Sandy Dumbrowski, a loose plot that serves as an excuse for a light-hearted ride through the early rock and roll of the 1950s. The 1978 movie version, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, is one of the top grossing movie musicals of all time. A hit revival opened in 1994, with a revolving Rizzo, played by Rosie O'Donnell, Brook Shields, Lucy Lawless and Debbie Gibson, among others. Frenchy's life is not going so well. She dropped out of high school to go to Beauty School, but now she's dropped out of that as well. She wishes she had an Angel, like in those Debbie Reynolds movies, although her angel tells it like it is; she's a "Beauty School Dropout"

#### HAIRSPRAY

MUSIC: Marc Shaiman

LYRICS: Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman BOOK: Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan

DIRECTOR: Jack O'Brien

CHOREOGRAPHER: Jerry Mitchell

OPENED: 8/15/02, New York; still running as of December 2005

Film composer Marc Shaiman helped turn John Waters' campy 1988 movie *Hairspray* into perfect fodder for a new Broadway musical—teenage angst. racial integration, a lot of dancing and a whole lot of hair Plump heroine Tracy Turnblad dreams of dancing on the Corny Collins TV show, but is upstaged by the prettier, but less talented, current "Itgirl" Amber Von Tussle. Tracy eventually dances her way onto the show and gains acceptance for all teens of every size, shape and color. Heartthrob Link Larkin croons a love song, on the air, to Tracy in "It Takes Two"

#### INTO THE WOODS

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim BOOK AND DIRECTION: James Lapine CHOREOGRAPHER: Lar Lubovitch

OPENED: 11/5/87, New York, a run of 765 performances

Into the Woods brought together for the second time the Pulitzer Prize winning team of Lapine and Sondheim Instead of the "art of making art," this time they turned to children's fairy tales as their subject. The book of Into the Woods often focuses on the darker, grotesque aspects of these stories, but by highlighting them, it touches on the themes of interpersonal relationships, death, and what we pass on to our children. Act One begins with the familiar "once upon a time" stories, and masterfully interweaves the plots of Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, a Baker and his Wife and others. Act Two concerns what happens after "happily ever after." as reality sets in, and the fairy tale plots dissolve into more human stories. Jack, a dreamer, exuberantly sings about the "Giants in the Sky" he found up the beanstalk. A revival came to Broadway in 2002, starring Vanessa Williams as the Witch

#### JEKYLL & HYDE

MUSIC: Frank Wildhorn

LYRICS AND BOOK: Leslie Bricusse

DIRECTOR: Robin Phillips CHOREOGRAPHER: Joey Pizzi

OPENED: 4/28/97, New York; a run of 1,543 performances

Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novella *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, this show took nearly a decade to arrive on Broadway. However, the first full score by pop composer Frank Wildhorn was already familiar to many lovers of musical theatre from two widely circulated concept albums. A North American tour also helped the show's momentum before Broadway. As in the Stevenson book, a well-meaning scientist, Dr. Henry Jekyll, invents a potion that separates the noble side of man's nature from the evil, bestial side. Using himself as guinea pig, Jekyll soon finds he has unleashed an uncontrollable monster. Mr. Hyde, who cuts a murderous swath through London. *Jekyll & Hyde* went through enormous revisions from its two concept recordings, to national touring companies, to Broadway. Theed to Know' first appeared on the 1994 concept album, was dropped from the Broadway opening, and now is back in the show in its stock and amateur form. In the song, we are introduced to Henry Jekyll and his overwhelming passion and drive to make scientific breakthroughs on the nature of man.

#### JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

MUSIC: Andrew Lloyd Webber

LYRICS: Tim Rice

DIRECTOR: Tom O'Horgan

OPENED: 10/21/71, New York; a run of 711 performances

Through conceived as a theatre piece about the final week in the life of Jesus. the young team of Lloyd Webber and Rice could not find a producer interested in a "rock opera." Instead, they recorded it as an album, which became a smash hit Concert tours of the show followed. It didn't take any more convincing that this would fly in the theatre. The concept of a "rock opera" caused quite a stir at the time. In the opening number, Judas incredulously looks at the enormous effect Jesus has had on crowds of followers, and the resulting unease of political rulers. Judas expresses his worries in "Heaven on Their Minds."

#### KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN

MUSIC: John Kander LYRICS: Fred Ebb

BOOK: Terrence McNally, based on the novel by Manuel Puig

**DIRECTOR:** Harold Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Vincent Paterson OPENED: 10/20/92, London, closed 7/17/93

3/3/93. New York; a run of 904 peformances

The 1985 movie of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. starring William Hurt and Raul Julia, and adapted from the novel by Manuel Puig, had a great influence on lyricist Fred Ebb. He believed this brutal prison story, with lavish torture and morphine induced dream sequences, could make a new and fantastic night of theatre. His writing partner John Kander and playwright Terrence McNally thought so as well, and after years of tinkering, a Canadian and London opening, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* finally hit Broadway theatres in 1993 with legendary Chita Rivera as its star. Set in a corrupt prison in Latin America, the story follows two cellmates, the homosexual window dresser, Molina, and the fiery revolutionary Valentin. Molina copes with the torturous prison by escaping to a fantasy dreamland, reliving his favorite onscreen moments of star Aurora (Rivera). Valentin is much more taciturn at first, but is coaxed into revealing his own "movie," his politically inspired dream "The Day after That"

#### LADY IN THE DARK

MUSIC: Kurt Weill LYRICS: Ira Gershwin

BOOK AND DIRECTION: Moss Hart CHOREOGRAPHER: Albertina Rasch

OPENED: 1/23/41, New York; a run of 162 performances

Moss Hart initially intended Lady in the Dark to be a straight play, but after deciding to make it a star vehicle for Gertrude Lawrence, he hired Weill and Gershwin. in their first collaboration, to turn it into a musical. Fiercely driven Allure magazine editor Liza Elliot (Lawrence) is working too hard. Something is beginning to consume her, causing her sleepless nights, bouts of depression, and unproductiveness at work. She decides to see a psychoanalyst for help. He begins to open up her world of dreams to find out what is the matter. Much of the show is the manifestation of these flights of fancy, as Liza wrestles with her problems, including a song "My Ship" which she learned as a child, but now only lies on the fringes of her memory. During one of these dream sequences. Liza appears in a court, and as the scene gets more frenzied and circus-like, the Ringmaster (Danny Kaye) begins to randomly spout the names of Russian composers in the patter-song "Tschaikowsky". In the end, Liza is cured of her problems, due in large part to meeting Charley Johnson, who she falls in love with when he is able to complete the song "My Ship" for her. The 1944 movie adaptation starred Ginger Rogers

#### THE LAST FIVE YEARS

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Jason Robert Brown

**DIRECTOR:** Daisy Prince **OPENED:** 3/3/02, New York

The Off-Broadway musical *The Last Five Years* paired writer Jason Robert Brown and director Daisy Prince together again after their collaboration on the revue *Songs for a New World* This two-person show chronicles the beginning, middle and deterioration of a relationship between a successful writer and a struggling actress. The show's form is unique Cathy starts at the end of the relationship, and tells her story backwards, while Jamie starts at the beginning. The only point of intersection is the middle at their engagement. Waking up next to a sleeping "other woman," he pours out his heart, ashamed, and frustrated by his marriage to Cathy, and instead seeks temporary intimacy with the new woman in "Nobody Needs to Know." The two original actors Off-Broadway were Norbert Leo Butz and Sherie René Scott

#### THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Adam Guettel

BOOK: Craig Lucas, based on the novella of the same name by Elizabeth Spencer

**DIRECTOR:** Bartlett Sher

CHOREOGRAPHER: Jonathan Buttereil

OPENED: 4/18/05, New York; still running as of December 2005

Finding inspiration in the same country as his grandfather Richard Rodgers' Do I Hear a Waltz?. Adam Guettel's The Light in the Piazza follows Americans abroad in Italy The plot concerns a mother and her daughter Clara on extended holiday in Florence in 1953 Clara is mentally challenged, having the mind of ten-year-old, but the passions of a young woman. An Italian man. Fabrizio, falls for the beautiful girl, and much of the story revolves around Clara's mother trying to protect her child from a perceived incompatibility with the young suitor Overhearing her mother discussing with her father Clara's upcoming marriage, Clara becomes upset and runs to break it off with Fabrizio. He comforts her in "Love to Me." In the end, Clara and Fabrizio will be married. A non-musical movie treatment was made in 1962, starring Olivia de Havilland and Rossano Brazzi.

#### THE LION KING

MUSIC: Elton John LYRICS: Tim Rice

BOOK: Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi

**DIRECTOR:** Julie Taymor

CHOREOGRAPHER: Garth Fagan

OPENED: 11/13/97, New York; still running as of December 2005

A fantastic triumph of art design and choreography. Julie Taymor's adaptation to the stage of the 1994 Disney movie won both critical and popular praise. Lavish sets and costumes, including actors on stilts, set this production high above other movie-to-stage adaptations. The Broadway score incorporates all the music from the original movie, along with new material. Mufasa, king of the lions, is murdered by his brother Scar. Young Simba is led to believe he killed his father and runs away to exile. As an adult, Simba calls out to the night, searching for the answer and the father he misses from his childhood. Through the song "Endless Night." Simba finds the strength to return to his pride and overthrow the evil Scar to claim his birthright as king.

### LES MISÉRABLES

MUSIC: Claude-Michel Schönberg

LYRICS: Herbert Kretzmer and Alain Boublil

ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT: Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel

DIRECTORS: Trevor Nunn and John Caird

CHOREOPGRAPHER: Kate Flatt

OPENED: 9/80. Paris. an initial run of 3 months

10/8/85, London; still running as of December 2005 3/12/87, New York; a run of 6,680 performances

This quasi-operatic pop epic was one of the defining musicals of the 1980s, distilling the drama from the 1,200 page Victor Hugo novel of social injustice and the plight of the downtrodden (the "miserable ones" of the title) The original Parisian version contained only a few songs; many more were added when the show opened in London The plot is too rich to encapsulate, but centers on Jean Valjean, a prisoner sentenced to years of hard labor for stealing a loaf of bread for his starving family. He escapes and tries to start a new life, but soon finds himself pursued by the relentless policeman Javert. "What Have I Done" and "Who Am I?" are interesting as companion songs, the former being Valjean's decision to go into hiding after being released by the chain gang, and the latter being his decision to turn himself in, once again becoming Jean Valjean to save a wrongfully accused man. Javert's pursuit of Valjean continues for years, across a tapestry of 19th century France that includes an armed uprising against the government, in which Valjean takes a heroic part

#### MOVIN' OUT

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Billy Joel

DIRECTION AND CHOREOGRAPHY: Twyla Tharp

OPENED: 10/24/02. New York; still running as of December 2005

Twyla Tharp had choreographed some Billy Joel songs for use in her dance studio, which gave rise to the idea of creating an entire show based around Joel's music. Receiving approval from the songwriter after sending him a videotape of her rehearsals, Tharp began to cull songs she could use to help frame a story *Movin' Out* is that tale, completely danced, with no dialogue except the original lyrics of the songs. Joel himself picked out the players in the sound-alike, onstage band. The show chronicles the lives of a group of characters, from the naive, we-can-do-it spirit of the 1950s, through the disenchantment of the Vietnam era, to the hope that all of them found later in life. A disenchanted veteran looks back on the camaraderie he felt in the Vietnam days in "Goodnight Saigon"

#### THE MUSIC MAN

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Meredith Willson

DIRECTOR: Morton Da Costa CHOREOGRAPHER: Onna White

OPENED: 12/19/57. New York; a run of 1.375 performances

With *The Music Man*, composer-lyricist-librettist Meredith Willson recaptured the innocent charm of the middle American town where he grew up (Mason City, Iowa). It is the Fourth of July, 1912, and the abundantly charming "Professor" Harold Hill, actually a traveling con man, arrives in River City. Iowa, ready to work his scam. He poses as a professor of music, collecting money for lessons and instruments on the promise that he can teach the town's children how to play in a band through his fraudulent. Think System." But his plans to pocket the cash and skip town are complicated by the presence of the temptingly pretty Marian Paroo, the librarian and music teacher. She sees through him immediately, but is soon won over by the palpable excitement he's able to generate among the stuffy townspeople, and in her formerly withdrawn younger brother. Some of that excitement rubs off on the young people in the town, who dance wildly, led by Marceullus, to the zany "Shipoopi." The story ends with a touch of theatre magic. Just as the townspeople are about to tar and feather. Hill, lo and behold, the "Think System" works, and the kids are able to play—sort of. The show, which took eight years and more than thirty rewrites before it was produced on Broadway, marked Willson's auspicious debut in the theatre. It was also the first musical-stage appearance by Robert Preston, playing the role of Harold Hill, who went on to repeat his dynamic performance in the 1962 Warner Bros screen version. A 1980 Broadway revival starred Dick Van Dyke. Another Broadway revival opened in 2001 Matthew Broderick and Kristin Chenoweth starred in the 2003 television production.

#### THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Rupert Holmes

DIRECTOR: Wilford Leach

CHOREOGRAPHER: Graciela Daniele

OPENED: 12/2/85, New York; a run of 608 performances

The Mystery of Edwin Drood came to Broadway after being initially presented the previous summer in a series of performances sponsored by the New York Shakespeare Festival at the Delacorte Theatre in Central Park The impressive score was the first stage work of composer-lyricist-librettist Rupert Holmes, who had previously revealed a talent limited to commercial pop ("Escape – The Piña Colada Song"). Holmes' lifelong fascination with Charles Dickens' unfinished novel had been the catalyst for the project. Since there were no clues as to Drood's murderer, or even if a murder had been committed. Holmes decided to let the audience provide the show's ending by voting on the suspects. The writer's second major decision was to offer the musical as if it were being performed by an acting company at London's Music Hall Royale in 1873, complete with such conventions as a Chairman (George Rose) to comment on the action and a woman in male garb (Betty Buckley) to play the part of Edwin Drood. The show was notable for the appearance of jazz legend Cleo Laine as the eccentric and mysterious Princess Puffer. Jasper, uncle of Edwin Drood, sets himself up early as a possible suspect in his crazed description of his surroundings in "A Man Could Go Quite Mad."

#### MYTHS AND HYMNS

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Adam Guettel

DIRECTOR: Tina Landau

OPENED: 3/31/1998. New York; a run of 16 performances

The source material for Guettel's Myths and Hymns is just that—mythological figures such as Icarus, Pegasus and Sisyphus, and old texts from an 1886 Presbyterian Hymnal Guettel found in a used book store. The song cycle for the theatre premiered under the name Saturns Returns but was later changed to the present title Floyd Collins director Landau helped stage this night of music, which focused on the divine and profane in everyday life and uses musical language from straight-up pop to lush theatrical writing. "Awaiting You" is a love song for the person you wait to meet; you see that undetermined person in "every fury and every love"

#### THE PRODUCERS

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Mel Brooks BOOK: Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER: Susan Stroman

OPENED: 4/19/01. New York; still running as of December 2005

Mel Brooks swept critics and audiences off their feet in New York with this show, adapted from his 1968 movie *The Producers* A couple songs from the movie were incorporated into the otherwise new stage score. The story concerns washed-up Broadway producer Max Bialystock and his nerdy accountant Leo Bloom, who has dreams of being a producer himself. During an audit of Max's books, Leo offhandedly remarks that one could make more money producing a flop than a hit. The two eventually produce the show "Springtime for Hitler." which seems on paper like it will be the biggest flop ever. It's a surprise hit and Bialystock and Bloom are in trouble. All ends well, after a brief prison detour Svelte. sexy Swede Ulla comes to the offices of Bialystock and Bloom to flaunt her wares and is hired as secretary. Leo will eventually fall for "That Face" (written and staged in the style of a 1930s Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers number). Ulla and Leo skip town, leaving Max high and dry, but come back to face the music when Leo testifies in court that no one ever treated him so well "Til Him" The original cast included Broadway stars Nathan Lane (Max) and Matthew Broderick (Leo). The director and most of the lead actors from Broadway were in the 2005 movie musical

1776

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Sherman Edwards

BOOK: Peter Stone DIRECTOR: Peter Hunt

CHOREOGRAPHER: Onna White

OPENED: 3/16/69, New York; a run of 1.217 performances

Sherman Edwards' background as a high school history teacher made him a perfect choice to bring the American Revolution to the Broadway stage Edwards' characters of our heritage leap off the page and their real personalities shine through—the disliked firebrand John Adams, the quiet lover Thomas Jefferson, and the witty Benjamin Franklin, among many others. The cast consists of largely the signers of the Declaration of Independence. We see the fierce debates over states rights, individual autonomy and slavery in the hot Philadelphia days of that defining year. Much of the dialogue is taken verbatim from memoirs and letters of the actual participants. 1776 is not a typical musical with large dance numbers and many songs. It allows ample time for the plot to unfold, and often there are very long breaks with no music as the delegates debate in Congress. "Mama, Look Sharp" is sung by a young, wounded soldier, very affected by the brutal war around him. The 1972 movie, directed by Hunt, kept many of the original Broadway actors including William Daniels (Adams), Ken Howard (Jefferson) and Howard Da Silva (Franklin). A Broadway revival was staged in 1997.

#### SONGS FOR NEW WORLD

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Jason Robert Brown

**DIRECTOR:** Daisy Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Arnold

OPENED: 10/26/95, New York; a run of 27 performances

In 1994, Daisy Prince, daughter of Broadway legend Harold Prince, went to hear a 24-year-old Greenwich Village coffeehouse pianist named Jason Robert Brown play some of his original compositions. A collaboration and a friendship were born when she learned he was working on a concert evening of songs that played like offbeat short stories. Titled Songs for a New World, the piece was developed at a summer festival in Toronto. Musically distinctive and precocious, the songs look at contemporary life from unusual angles. In the plotless. Off-Broadway revue, a man running from authority sees himself as "King of the World."

#### SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

MUSIC: Marvin Hamlisch LYRICS: Craig Carnelia

BOOK: John Guare, based on the screenplay and novellas of Ernest Lehman

**DIRECTOR:** Nicholas Hynter

CHOREOGRAPHER: Christopher Wheeldon

OPENED: 3/14/02. New York; a run of 109 performances

John Lithgow had been on the New York stage many times before, but he made his singing debut as Broadway gossip columnist J J Hunsecker (based on Walter Winchell) in *Sweet Smell of Success*. The musical is based on the 1957 film starring Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis. The basic story involves Hunsecker, the widely read gossip columnist, and Sidney Falco (Brian D'Arcy James), the frenetic publicist who does anything to get a story in the column Chronicling Broadway's blackmailing, backstabbing underbelly, Falco and Hunsecker get themselves into unwise and illegal activities in their nightly romps through the dark city Falco's parasitic drive for glitz and glamour comes out in "One Track Mind"

#### TICK, TICK...BOOM!

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Jonathan Larson

**DIRECTOR:** Scott Schwartz

CHOREOGRAPHER: Christopher Gattelli OPENED: 5/23/01, New York. closed 1/6/02

Jonathan Larson, composer of *Rent*, struggled like many actors and writers in New York for years before he found success tick tick BOOM! is his second show after the small musical Superbia. After workshopping it around, Larson shelved it to spend time on *Rent*. After Larson's death, interest in his earlier works emerged, and in 2001. tick tick BOOM! received a full Off-Broadway production. This autobiographical show chronicles Larson's struggle to make it as a 30-year-old in New York in 1990. He lives on nothing, passing up lucrative corporate job offers to follow his dream. A student of musical theatre, Larson at one point writes an homage to Stephen Sondheim in his knockoff "Sunday" from Sunday in the Park with George "Why" sums up why Larson would be living in practical poverty to chase his dream: he got the acting and singing bug early in life with wonderful musical experiences as a kid

#### WICKED

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Schwartz

BOOK: Winnie Holzman, based on the novel Wicked. The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West

by Gregory Maguire DIRECTOR: Joe Mantello

CHOREOGRAPHER: Wayne Cilento

OPENED: 10/30/03, New York, still running as of December 2005

Stephen Schwartz's return to Broadway came with Wicked, a hit from 2003 Based on Gregory Maguire's 1995 book, the musical chronicles the backstory of the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba, and Good Witch of the North, Glinda (Galinda), before their story threads are picked up in L Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz At times a dark show, the original production was characterized by lavish production and a stellar cast, including Kristin Chenoweth, Idina Menzel, Norbert Leo Butz, and Broadway immortal Joel Grey Fiyero is a fiery revolutionary from the western Winkie country, a handsome, engaging personality who is "Dancing Through Life," relying on his charm rather than hard work

#### THE WILD PARTY

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Andrew Lippa

DIRECTOR: Gabriel Barre

CHOREOGRAPHER: Mark Dendry

OPENED: 2/24/00, New York; a run of 54 performances

Two productions of *The Wild Party* hit New York in 2000. the unsuccessful Broadway version by Michael John LaChiusa, and the Off-Broadway, and now more popular Andrew Lippa version. Both were based on the scandalous 1928 poem by *The New Yorker* editor Joseph Moncure March. This jazz age drama, depicting a night of decadence and debauchery at a party thrown by lusty showgirl Queenie and her abusive lover, vaudeville clown Burrs, was inspiration for Lippa's accomplished score. In the scintillating vibe of "What Is It About Her?," Burrs wonders about Queenie's irresistible pull on him. Much later in the night, after much drink and more drama, Burrs starts to lose control, and happily wallows in his excesses in the hot "Let Me Drown."

#### YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Charles Gesner, Andrew Lippa added songs for the Broadway revival

**DIRECTOR:** Joseph Hardy

CHOREOGRAPHER: Patricia Birch

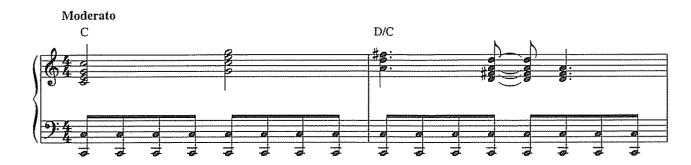
OPENED: 3/7/67, New York; a run of 1.597 performances

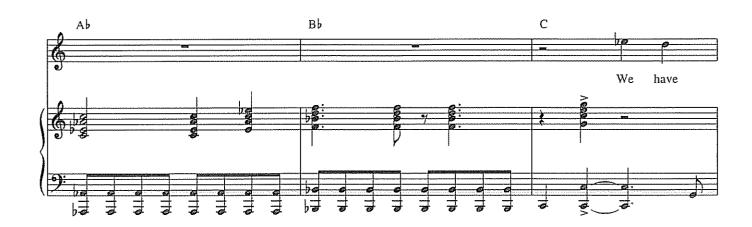
With Charles Schultz's appealing comic strip "Peanuts" as a general inspiration, Clark Gesner created a musical out of events in "a day made up of little moments picked from all the days of Charlie Brown, from Valentine's Day to the baseball season, from wild optimism to utter despair, all mixed with the lives of his friends (both human and non-human) and strung together on the string of a single day, from bright uncertain morning to hopeful starlit evening." The show was an Off-Broadway hit. It moved to Broadway for a brief run in 1971. For the 1997 Broadway revival, Andrew Lippa wrote two new numbers, including. "Beethoven Day," which was for brooding planist Schroeder Idolizing the bust of Beethoven that sits on his piano, Schroeder wishes for a day set aside to honor his favorite composer.

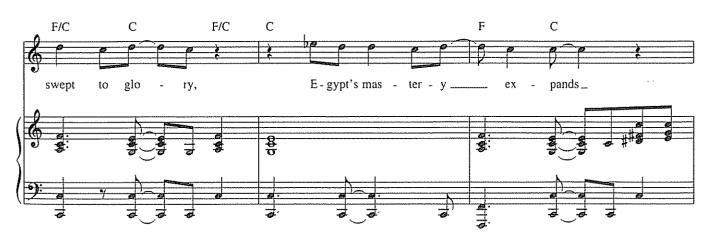
## FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE

### from Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida

Music by ELTON JOHN Lyrics by TIM RICE







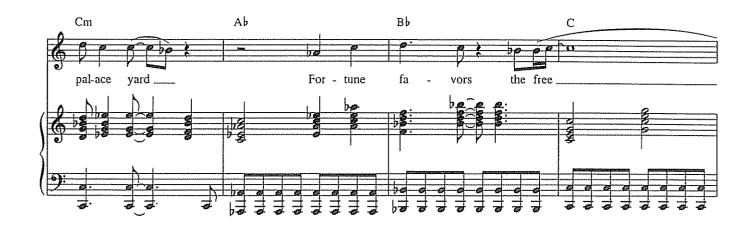
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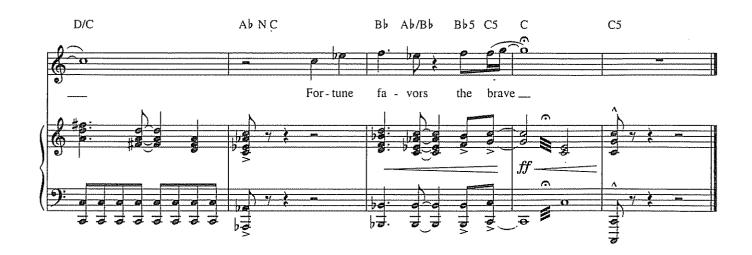








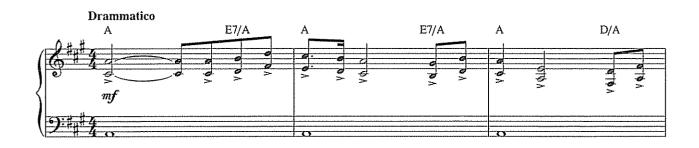


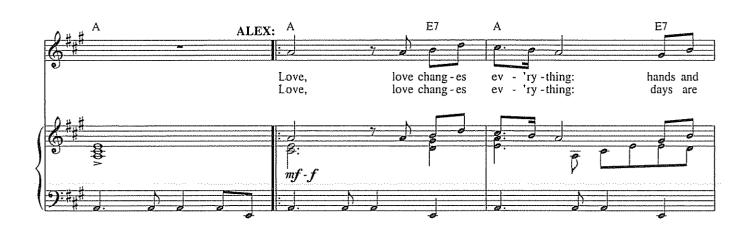


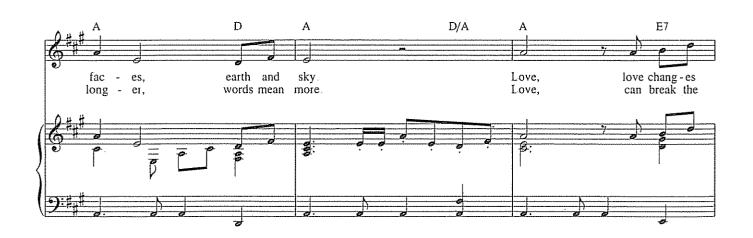
## LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

from Aspects of Love

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by DON BLACK and CHARLES HART















## IF YOU WERE GAY

## from the Broadway Musical Avenue Q

Music and Lyrics by ROBERT LOPEZ and JEFF MARX



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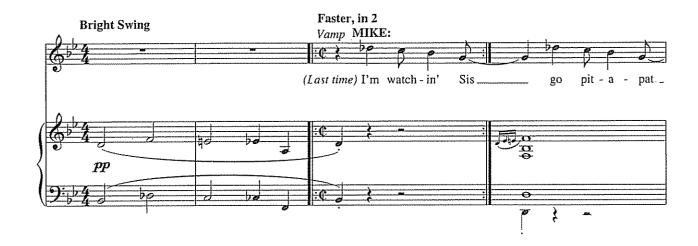




## I CAN DO THAT

## from A Chorus Line

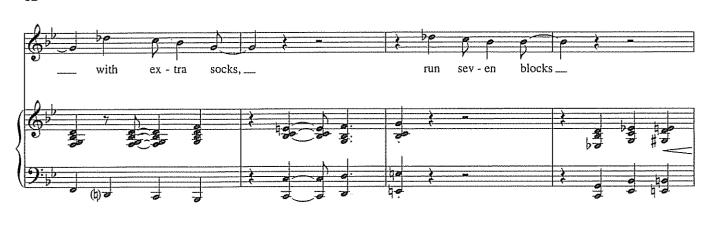
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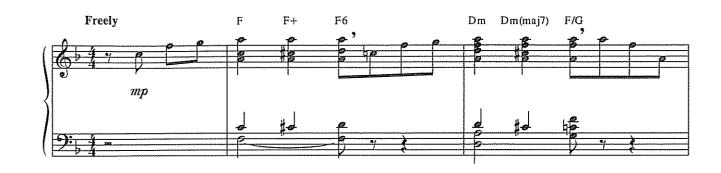


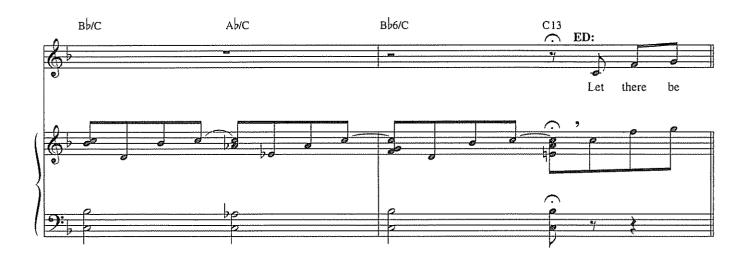


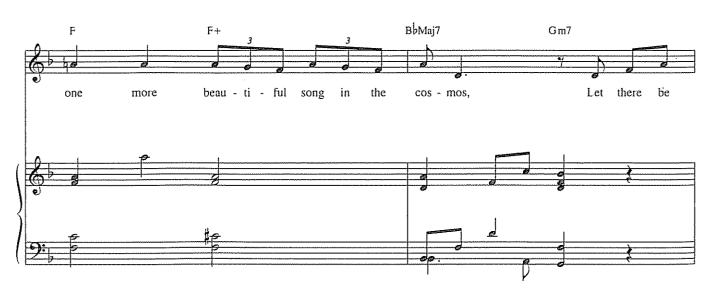
# ONE MORE BEAUTIFUL SONG

from A Class Act

Words and Music by EDWARD KLEBAN









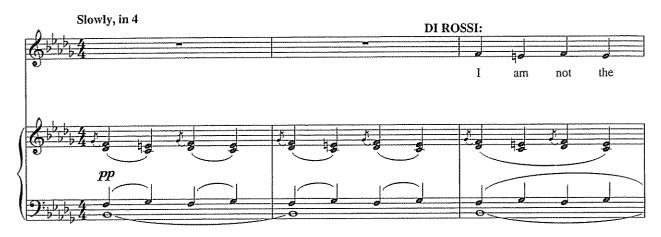


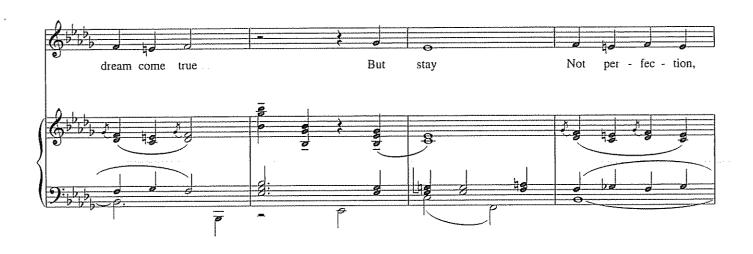


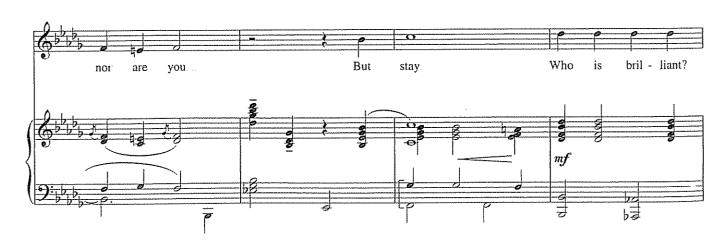


# STAY from Do I Hear A Waltz?

Music by RICHARD RODGERS Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM











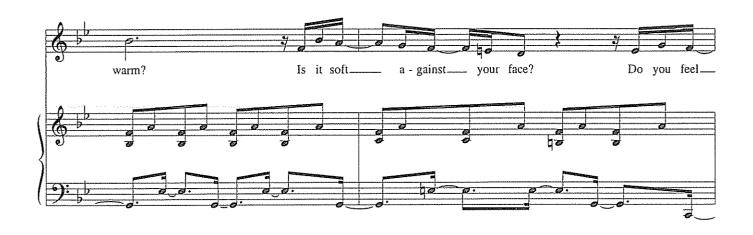


# HOW GLORY GOES

#### from Floyd Collins

Music and Lyrics by ADAM GUETTEL















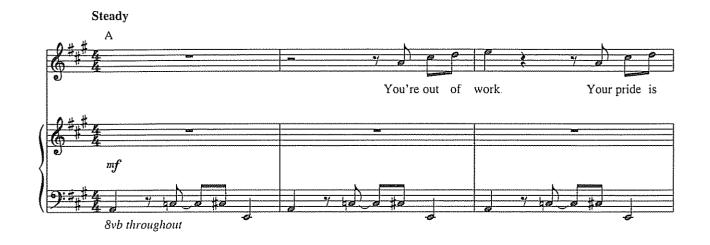




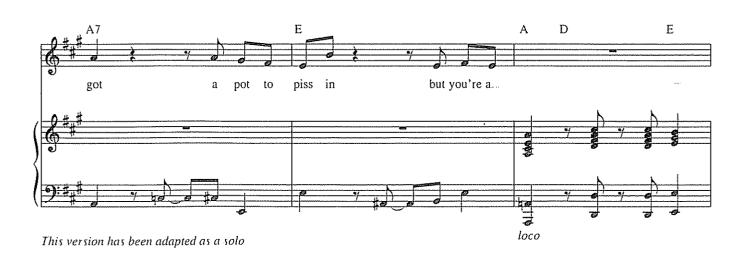
## MAN

## from The Full Monty

Words and Music by DAVID YAZBEK















## BREEZE OFF THE RIVER

#### from The Full Monty

Words and Music by DAVID YAZBEK







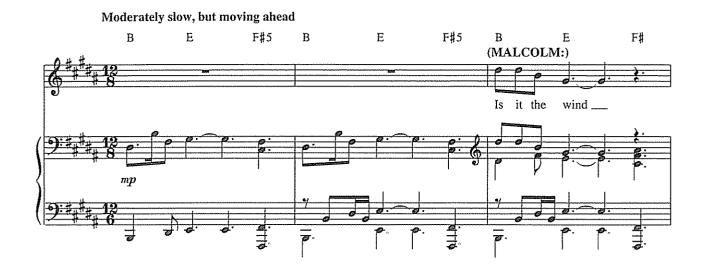




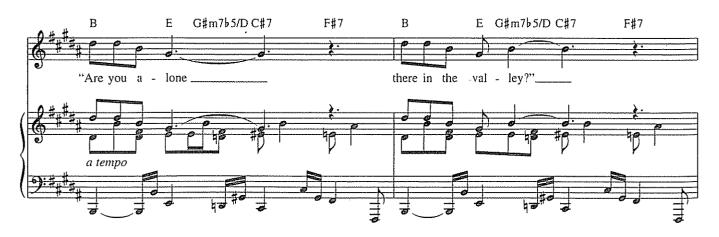
# YOU WALK WITH ME

#### from The Full Monty

Words and Music by DAVID YAZBEK













## FREE

#### from A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Words and Music by STEPHEN SONDHEIM



We have eliminated Hero's lines in this solo edition.















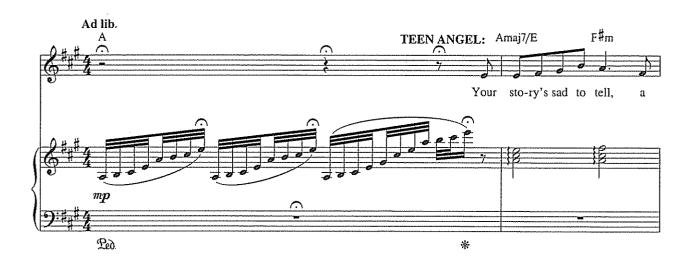


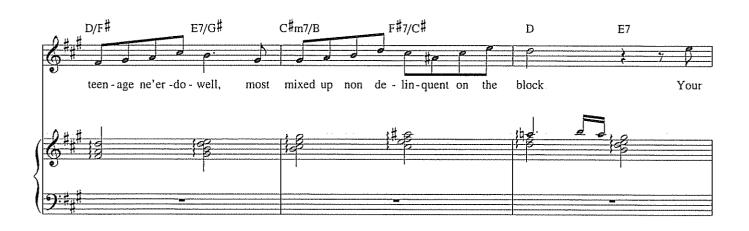


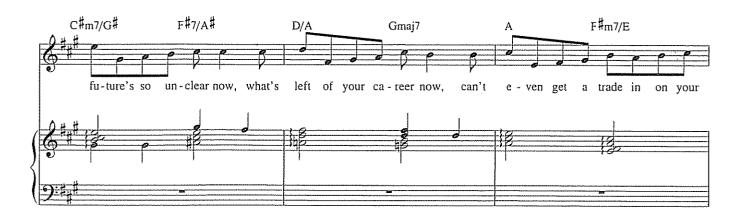
# BEAUTY SCHOOL DROPOUT

### from Grease

Lyric and Music by WARREN CASEY and JIM JACOBS

















# IT TAKES TWO

## from Hairspray

Music by MARC SHAIMAN Lyrics by MARC SHAIMAN and SCOTT WITTMAN



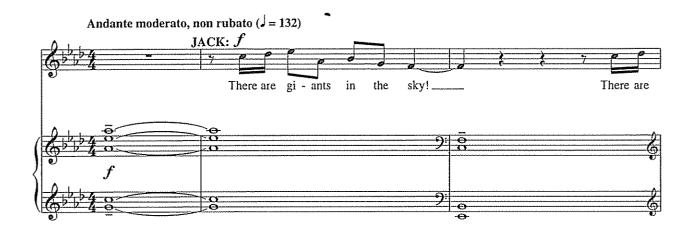


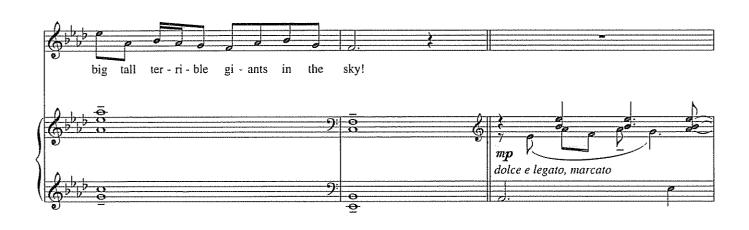


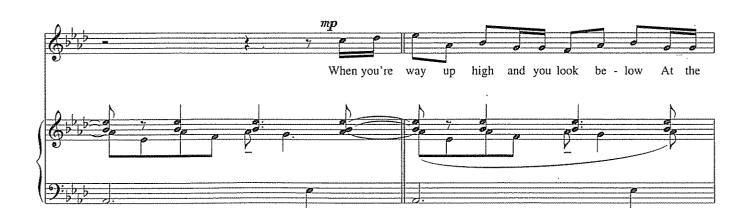


# GIANTS IN THE SKY from Into the Woods

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM





















## I NEED TO KNOW

from Jekyll & Hyde

Words by LESLIE BRICUSSE Music by FRANK WILDHORN



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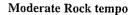


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## HEAVEN ON THEIR MINDS

## from Jesus Christ Superstar

Words by TIM RICE Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER











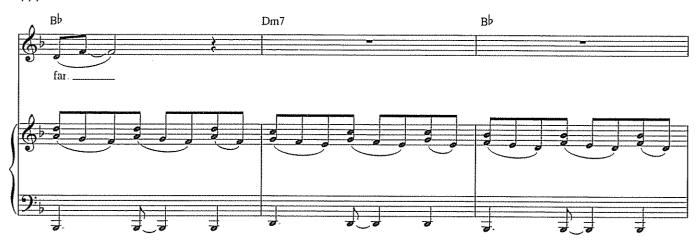


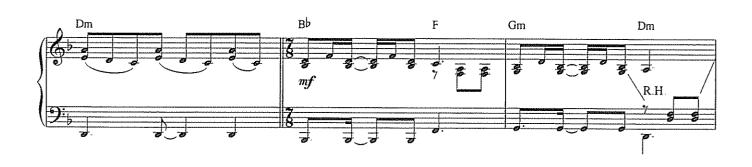


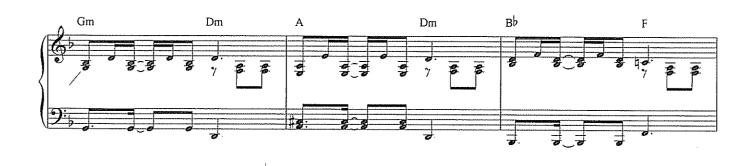


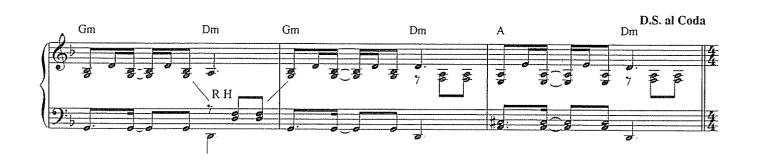












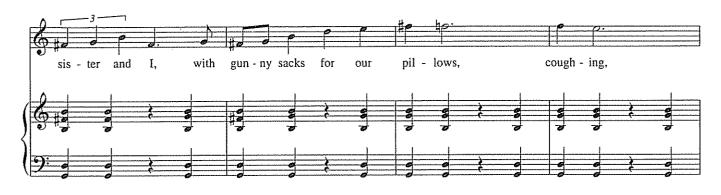


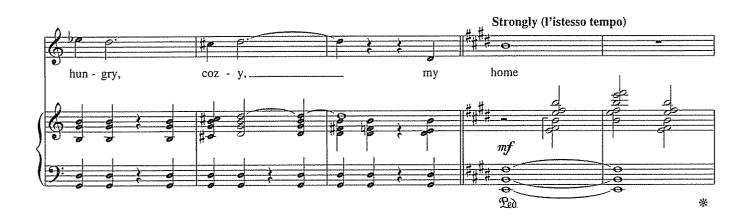
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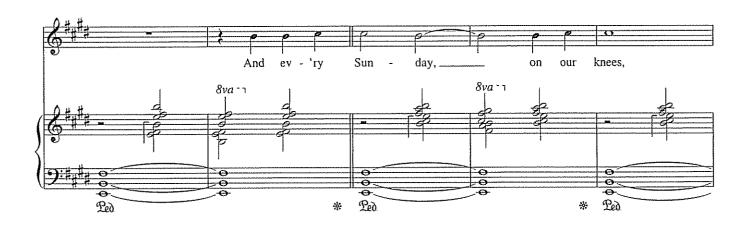
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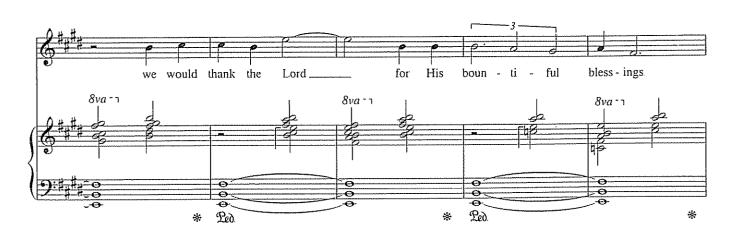
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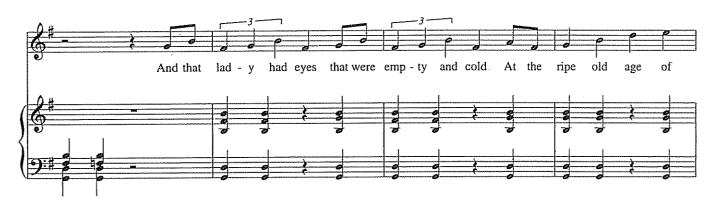




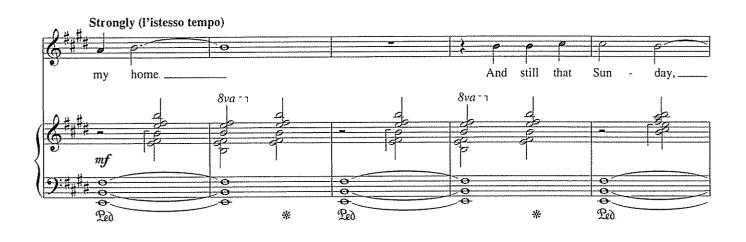


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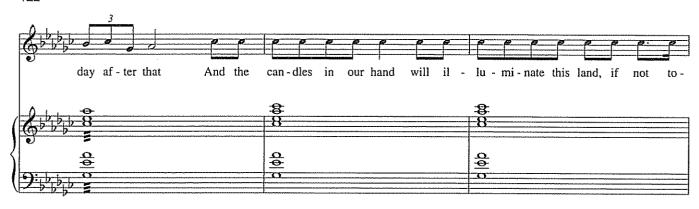


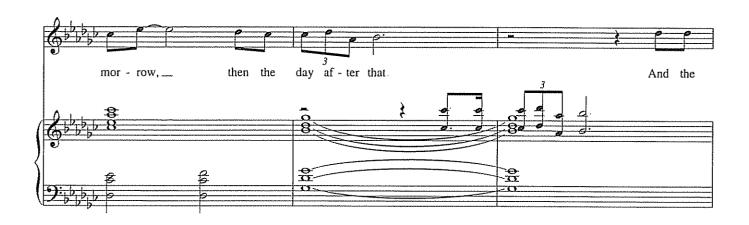


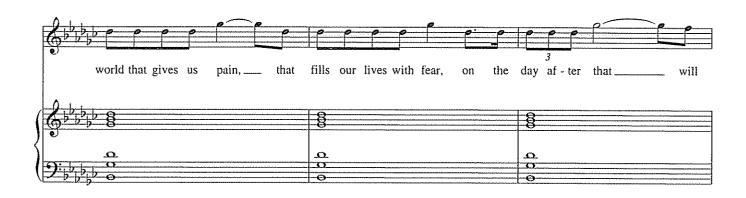




















# TSCHAIKOWSKY (And Other Russians)

#### (And Other Russians) from the Musical Production Lady in the Dark

Words by IRA GERSHWIN Music by KURT WEILL

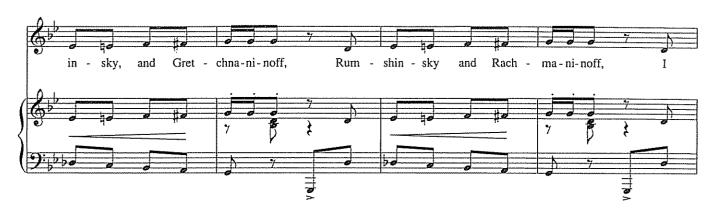


We have retained Gershwin's spellings of the original lyrics Since 1941, some names have been modernized with adjusted spellings in most published references





An accellerando beginning on this page is optional. Danny Kaye, the original performer, sometimes did an encore of the entire song at a breakneck tempo









### NOBODY NEEDS TO KNOW



















TOTAL COMME







## LOVE TO ME

#### from The Light in the Piazza

Words and Music by ADAM GUETTEL













## ENDLESS NIGHT

#### from Disney Presents The Lion King: The Broadway Musical

Music by LEBO M, HANS ZIMMER and JAY RIFKIN Lyrics by JULIE TAYMOR

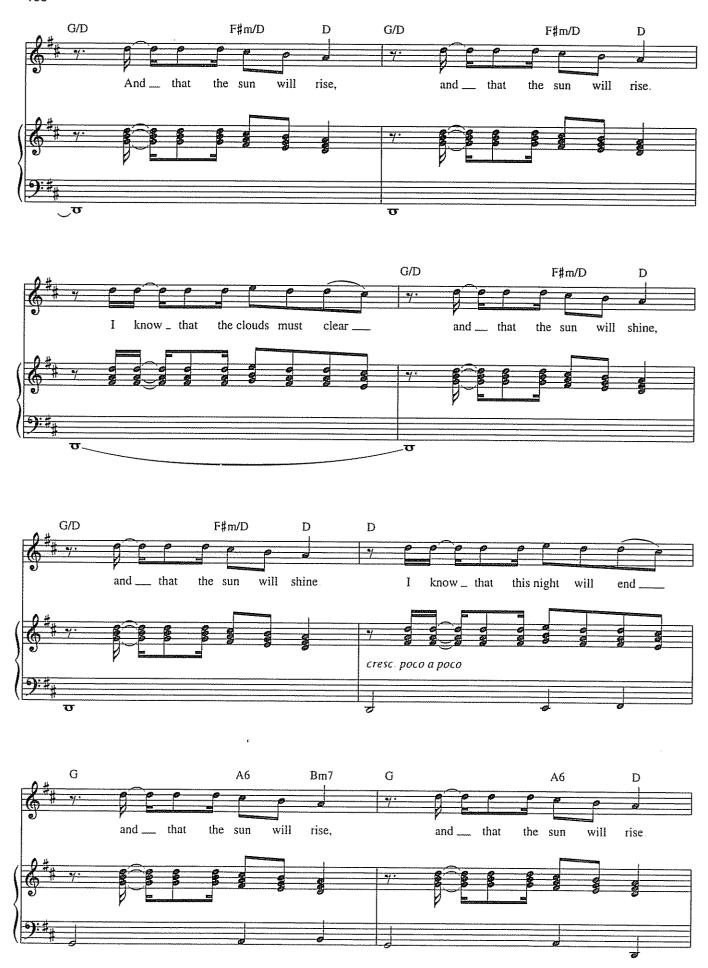


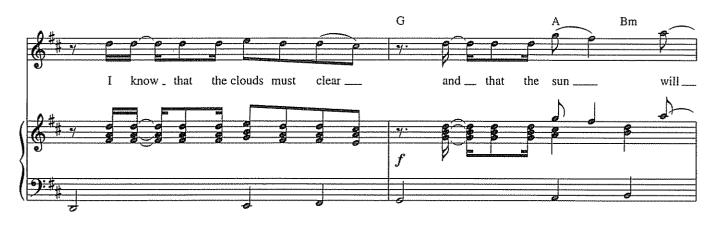


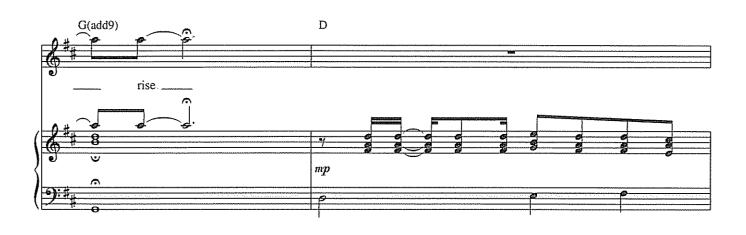


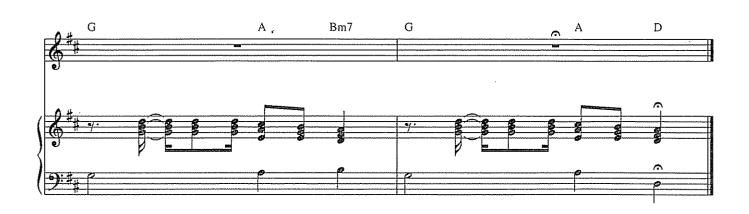








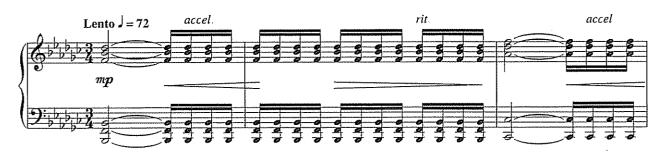




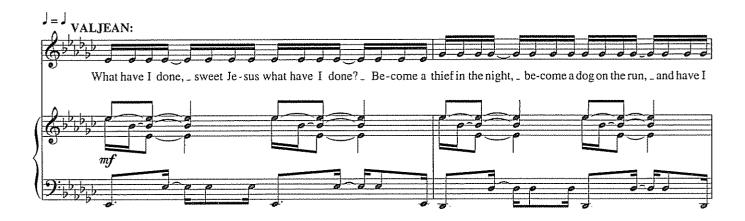
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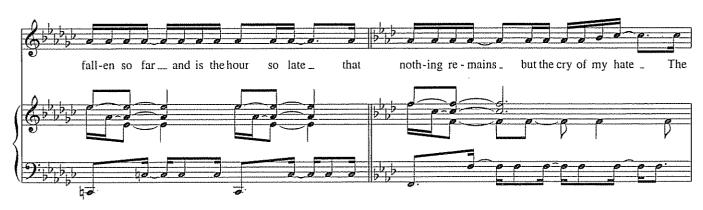
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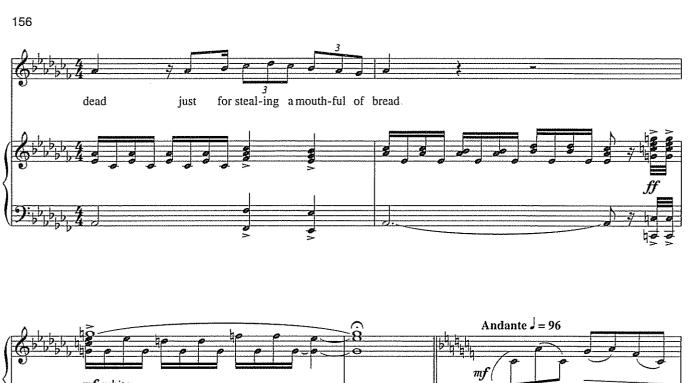


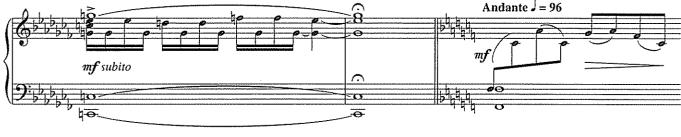




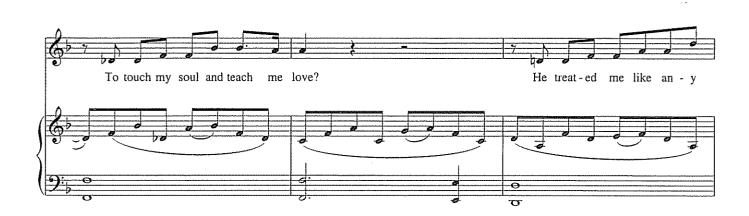


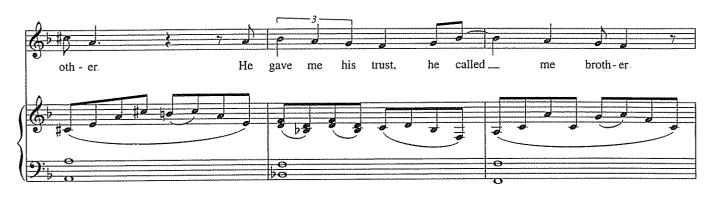


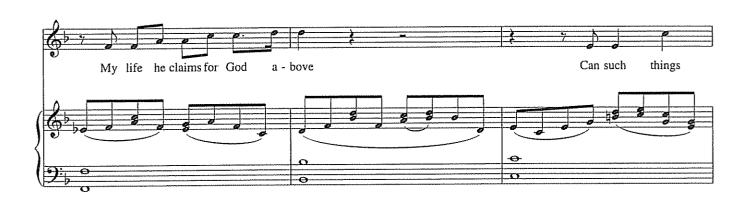


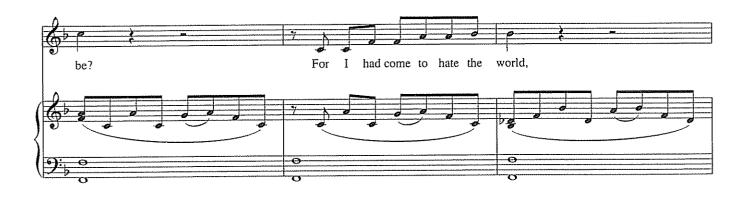


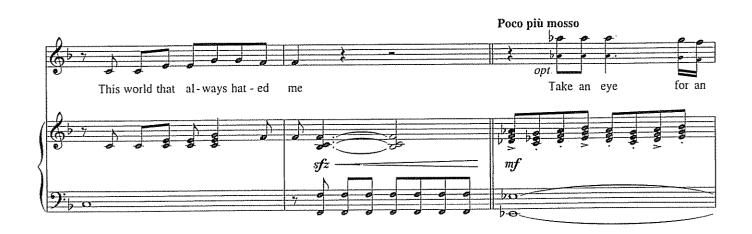




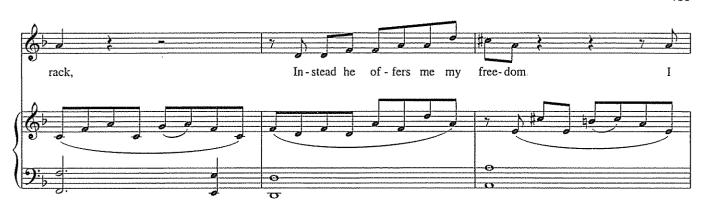


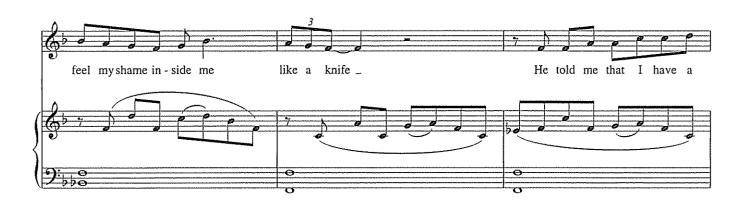


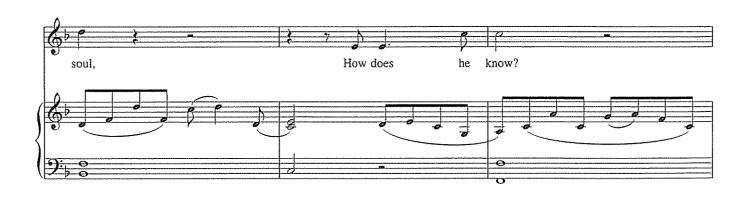


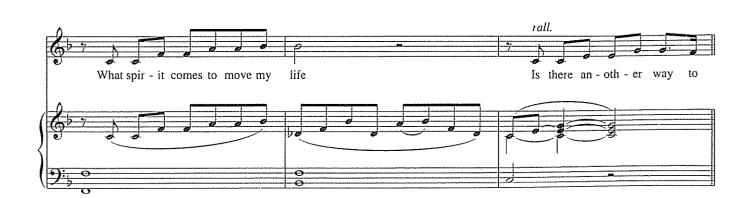




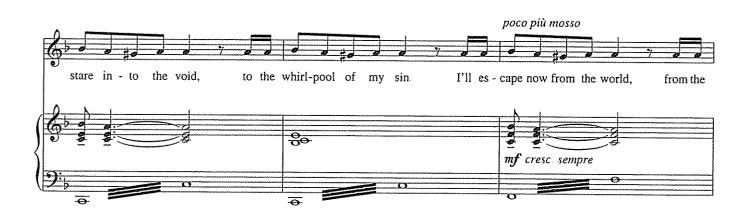


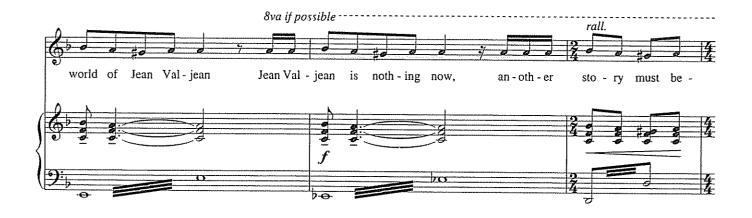










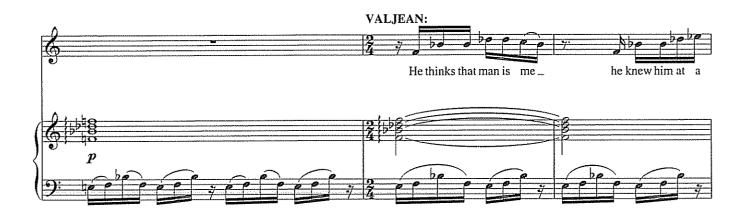


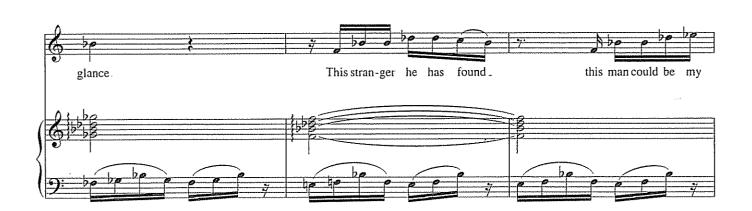


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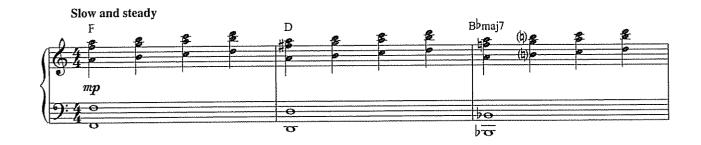


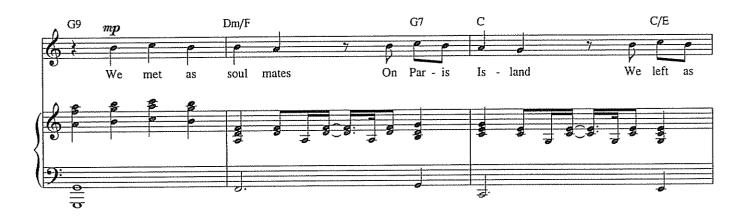




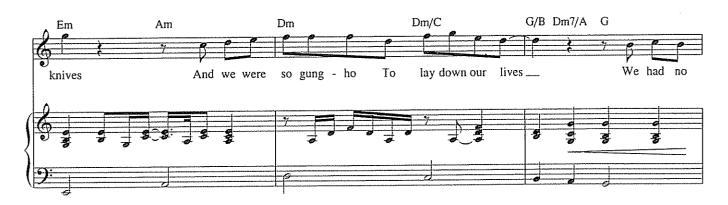
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### from Meredith Willson's The Music Man

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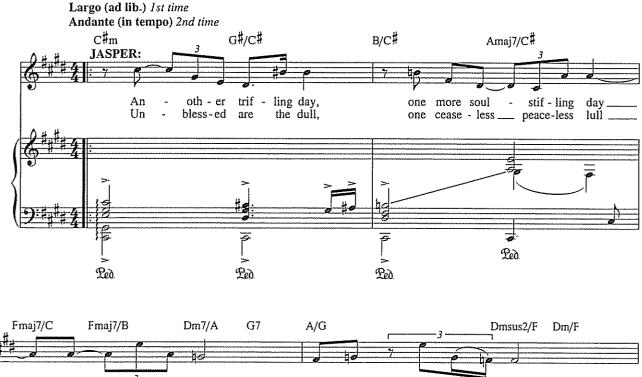




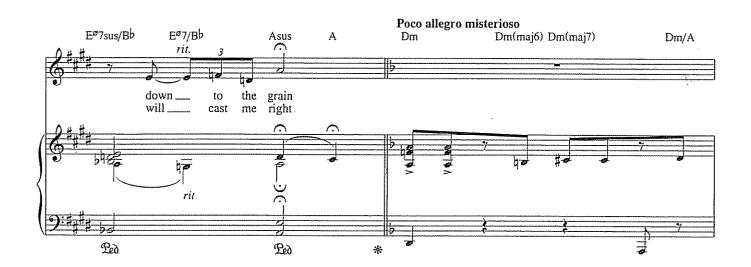


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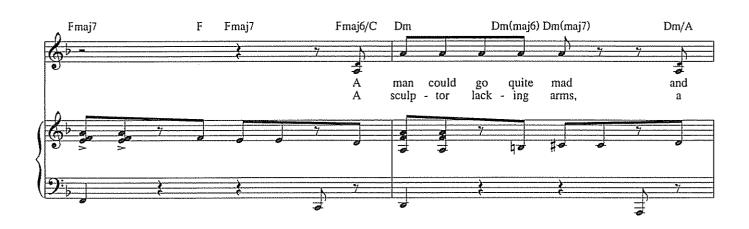
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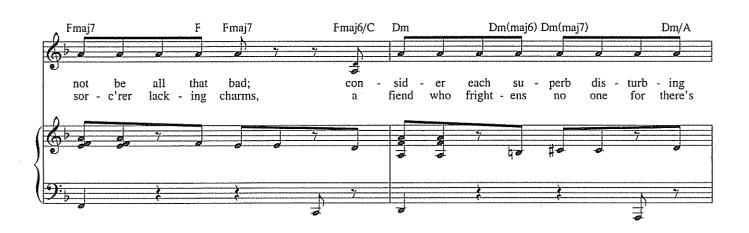


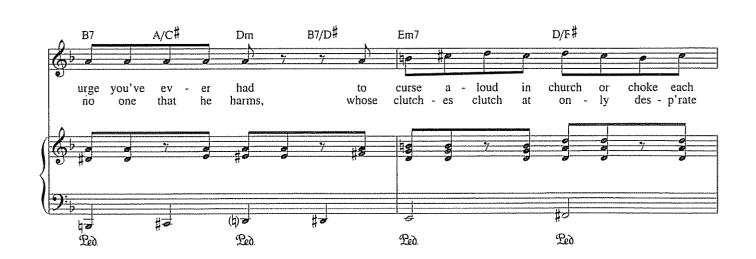












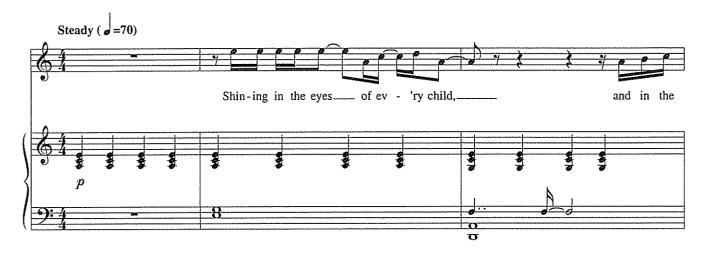


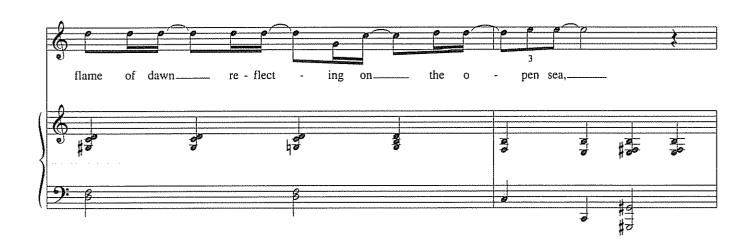


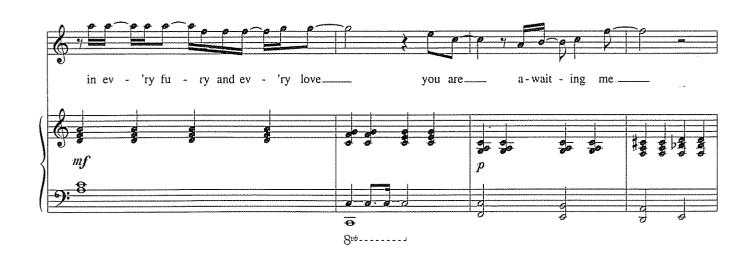
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#### from Myths and Hymns

Music and Lyrics by ADAM GUETTEL





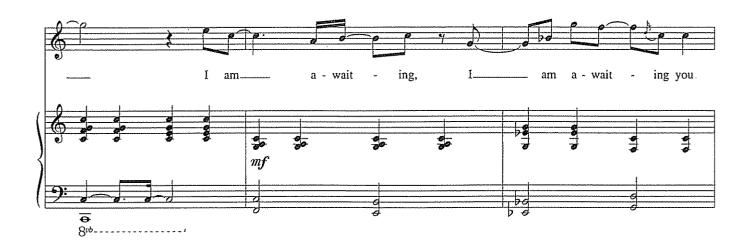


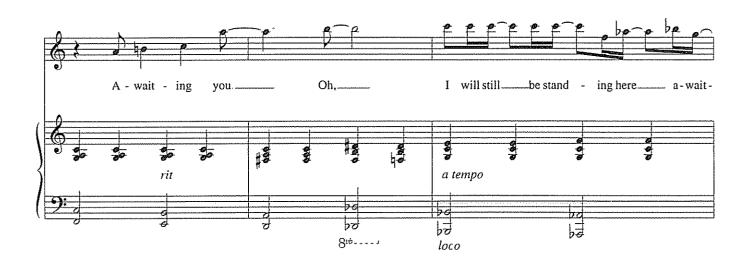


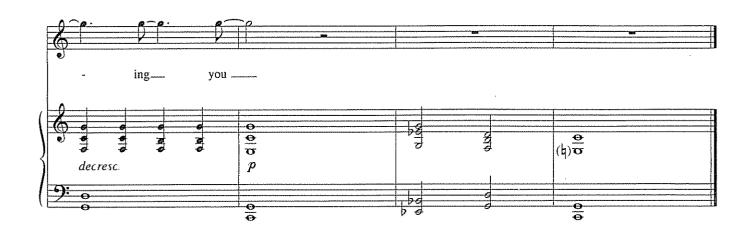












### THAT FACE

#### from The Producers

Music and Lyrics by MEL BROOKS













## 'TIL HIM

#### from The Producers

Music and Lyrics by MEL BROOKS



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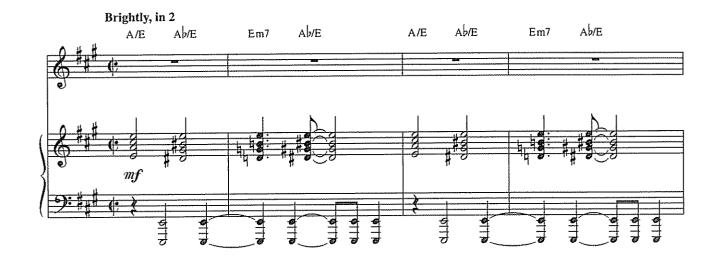


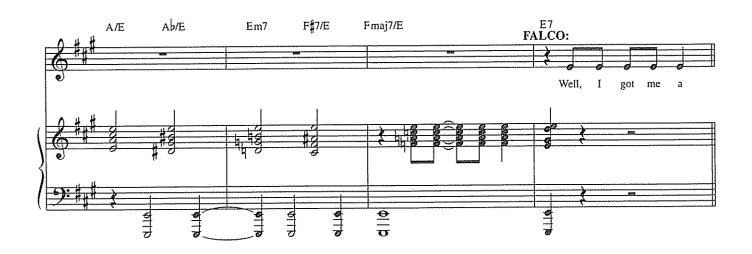


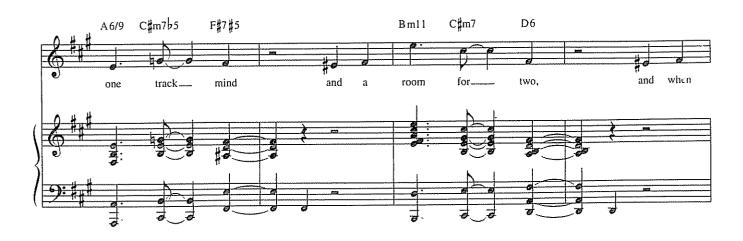
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from Sweet Smell of Success

Music by MARVIN HAMLISCH Lyrics by CRAIG CARNELIA

















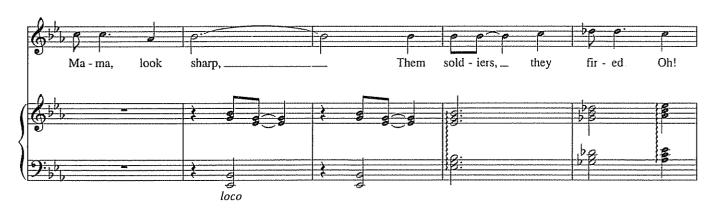


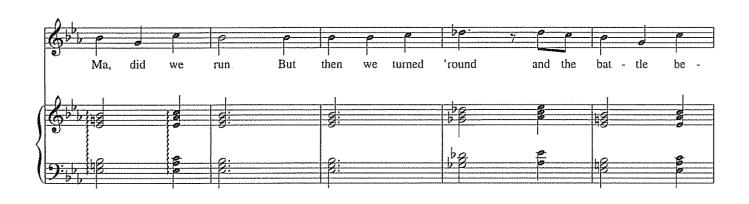


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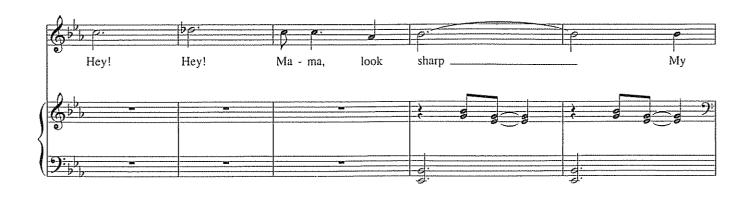
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### KING OF THE WORLD

from Songs for a New World

Music and Lyrics by JASON ROBERT BROWN























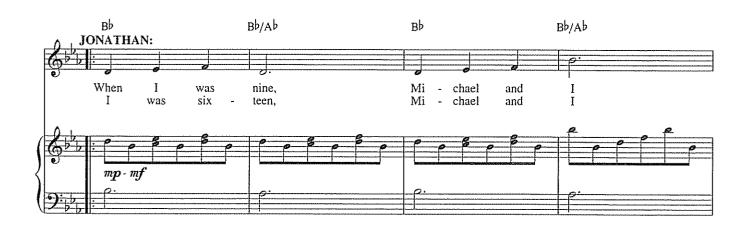


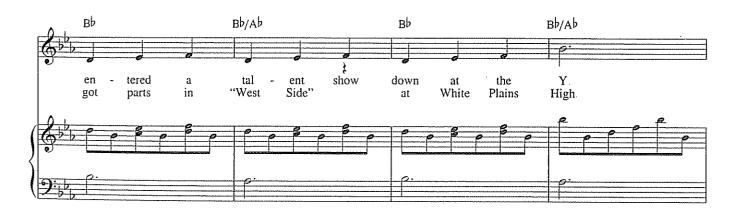
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Words and Music by JONATHAN LARSON

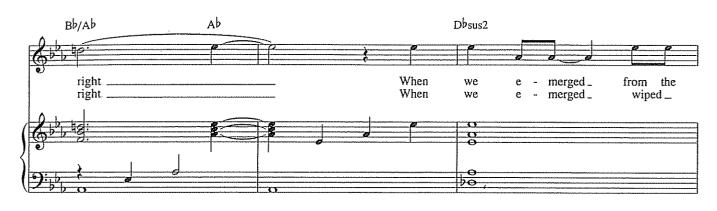


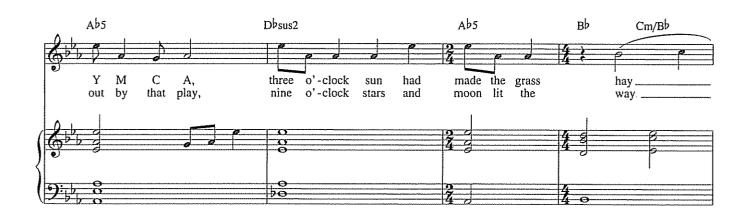


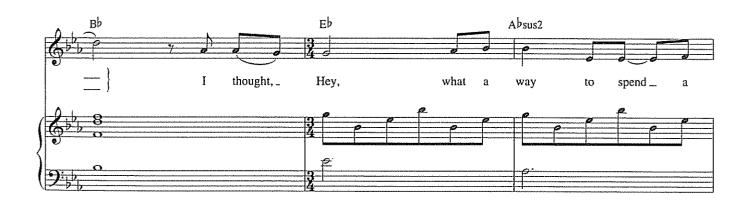


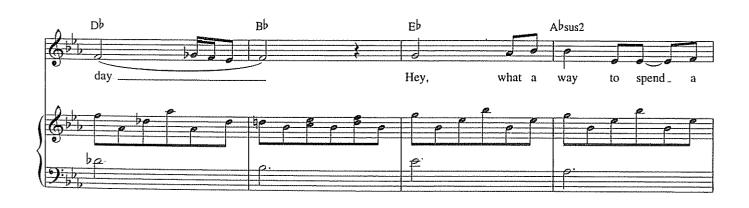






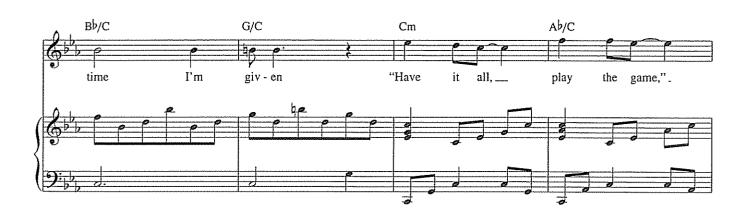


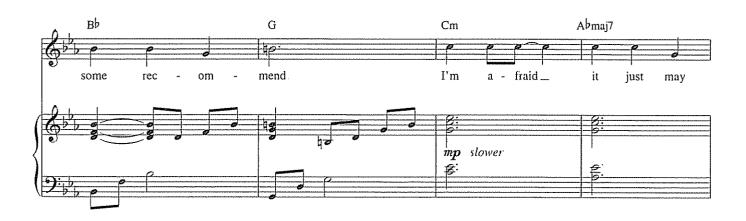


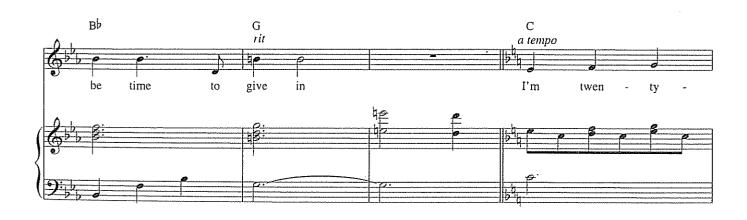


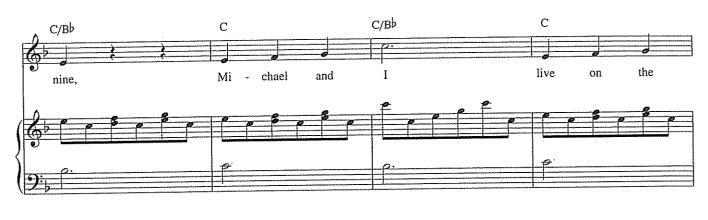


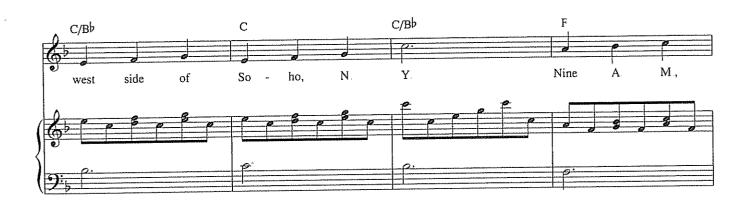


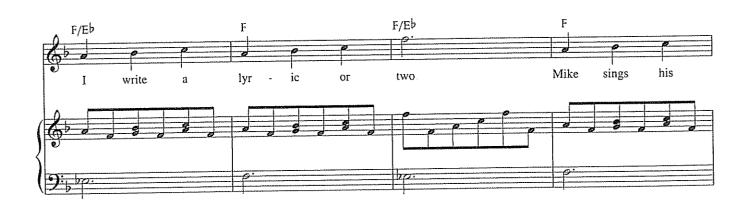


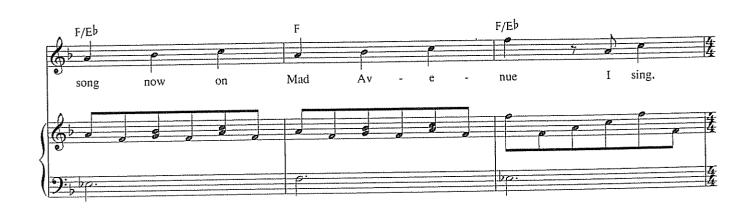












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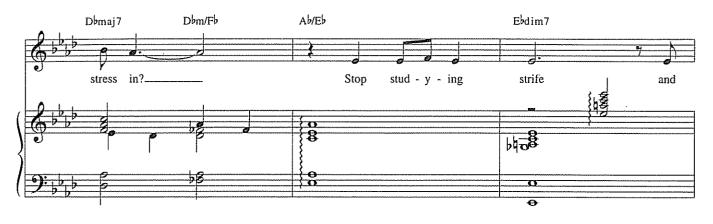


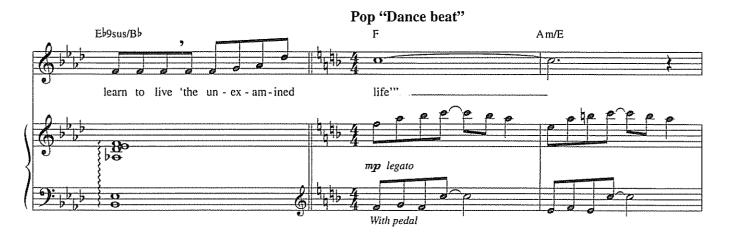
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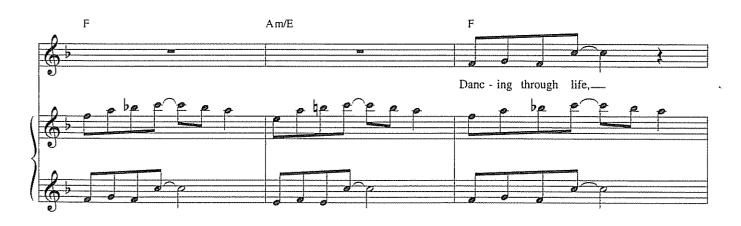
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Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

















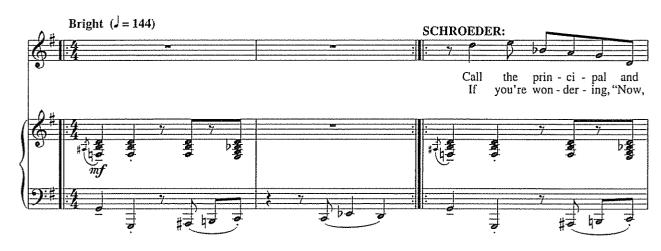


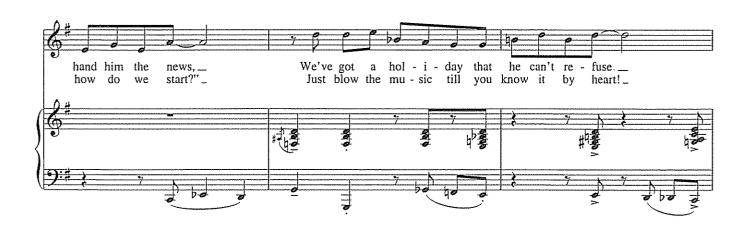


### BEETHOVEN DAY

#### from You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Words and Music by ANDREW LIPPA







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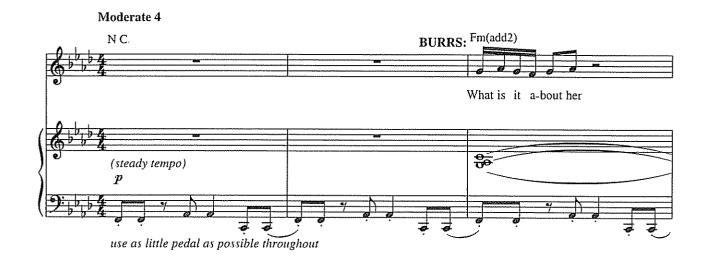


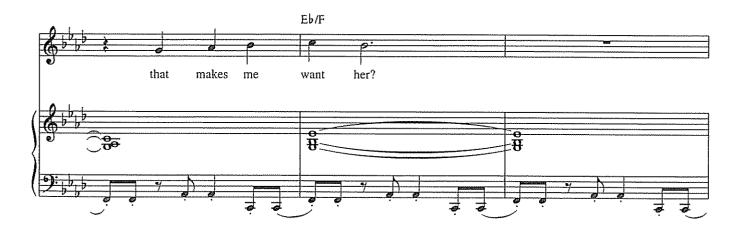


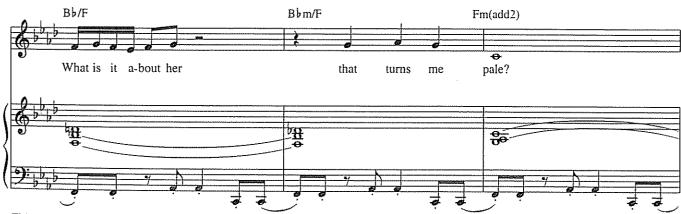
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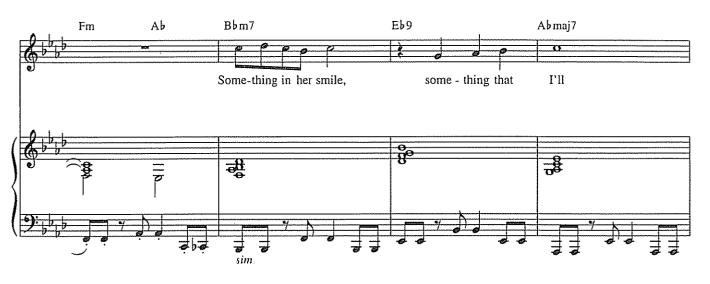
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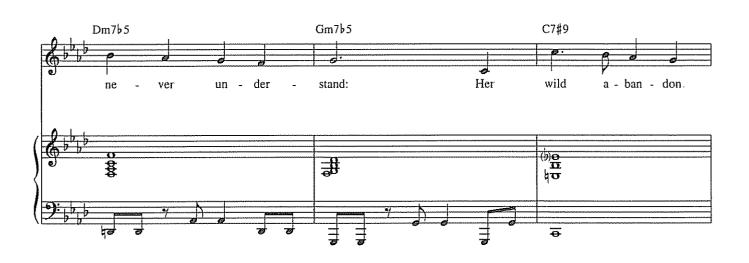




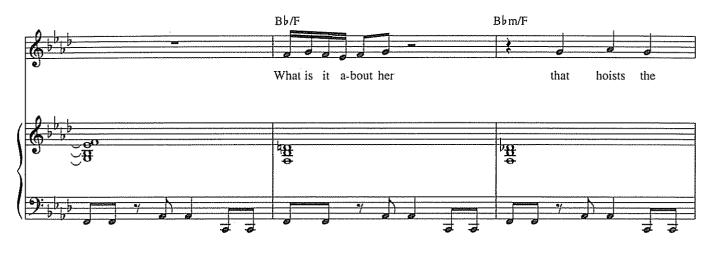


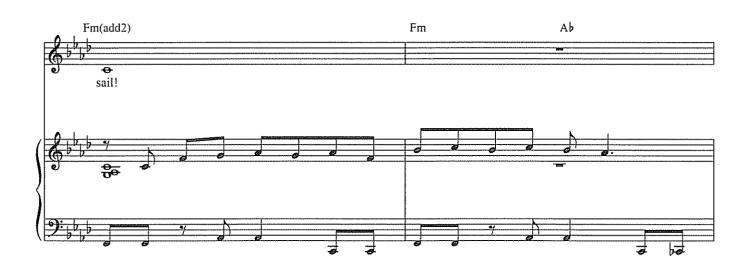
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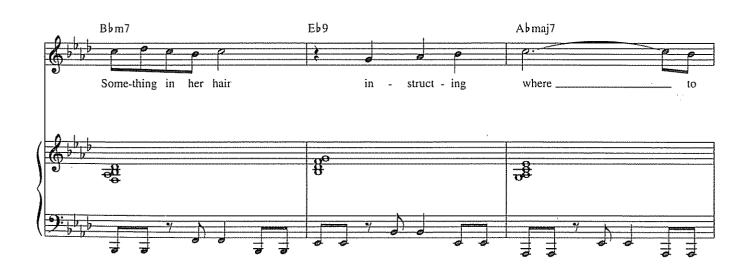




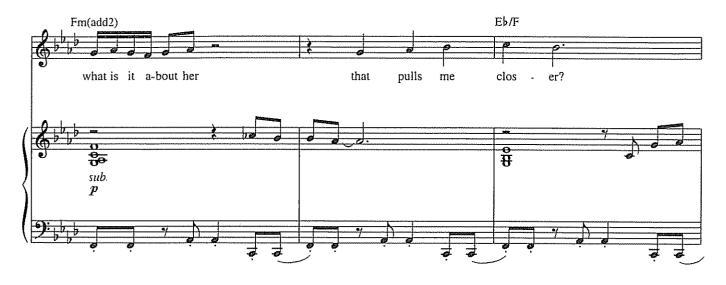


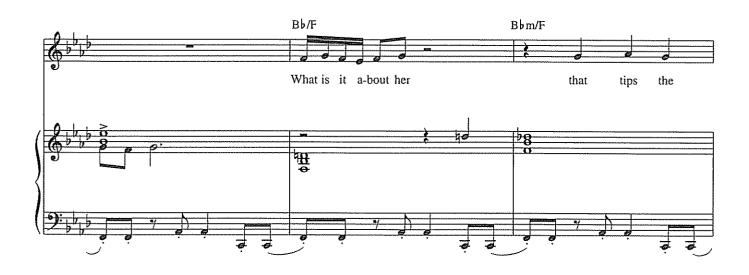


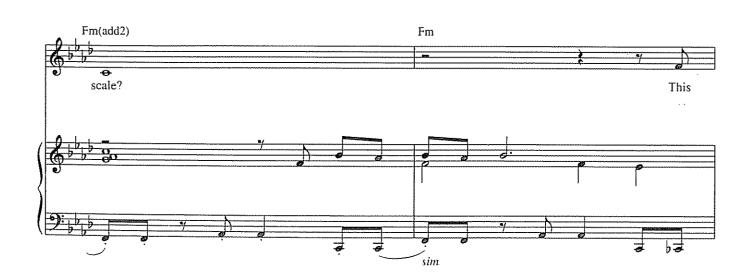




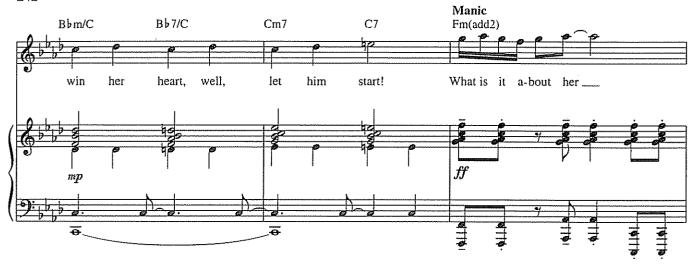


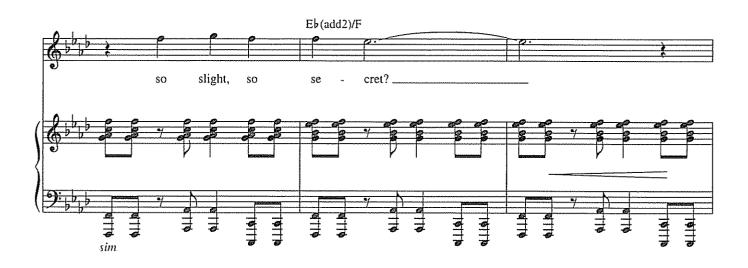


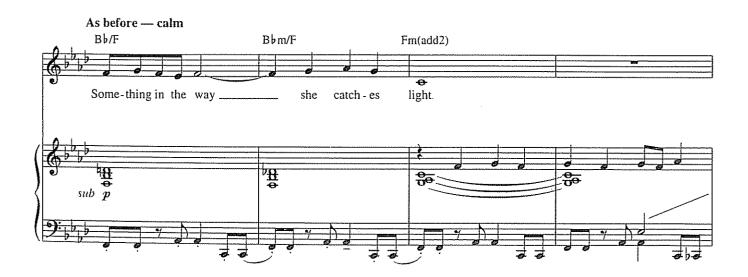


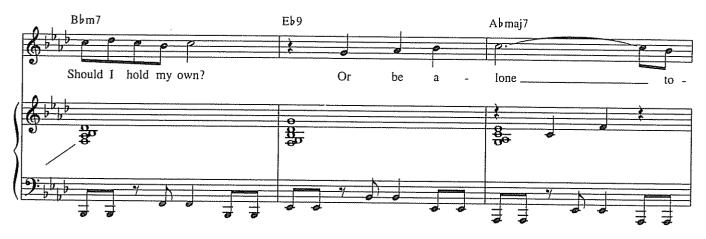


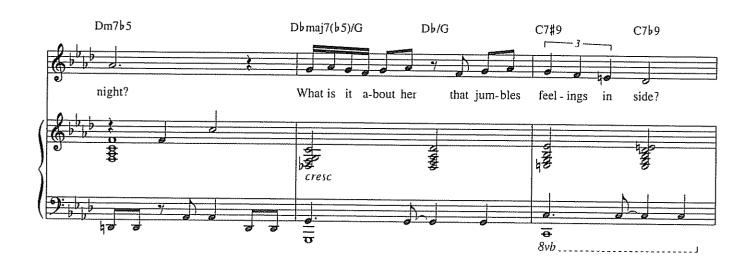


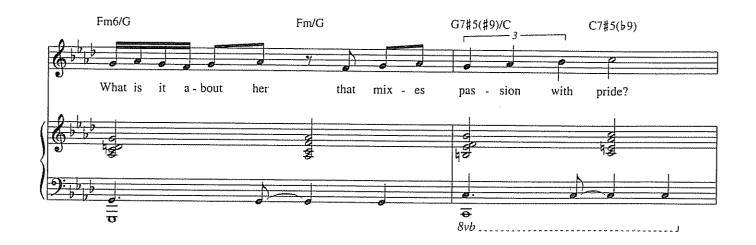


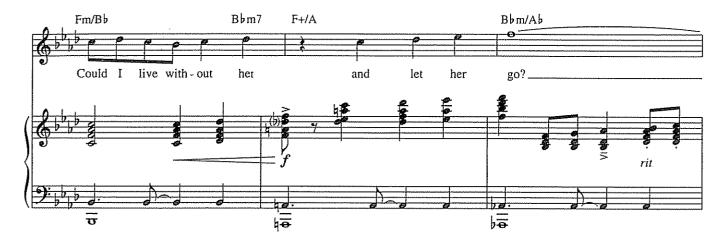


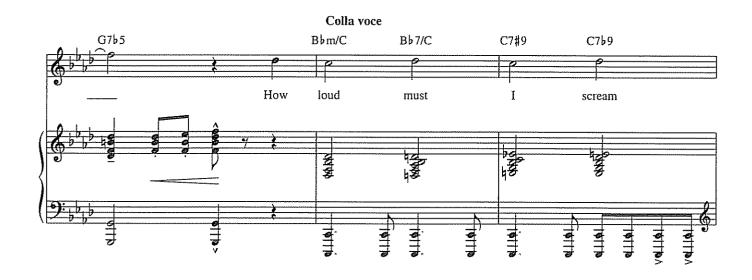


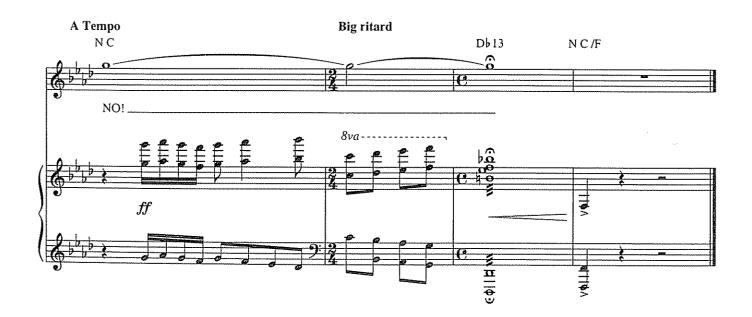












## LET ME DROWN

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